

AMERICAN SAMOA

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) is the primary form for requesting registration and/or an absentee ballot from your local election official. Read all instructions printed below and on the FPCA before completing and signing your application.

FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION

REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)	
APPLICATION FOR STATE OF _____	COUNTY OF _____ CITY OR TOWNSHIP OF _____ §
I REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR ALL ELECTIONS IN WHICH I AM ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.	
1. APPLICANT INFORMATION (See instruction 1.) a. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) _____ b. SEX c. RACE _____ d. DATE OF BIRTH _____ e. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____ f. OTHER IDENTIFICATION NO. (passport, ID card) _____ M M D D Y Y _____ — — — — —	
2. I LAST VOTED or PLACE OF LAST REGISTRATION (Do not leave this section blank. See instructions.) a. YEAR b. COUNTY, CITY, OR TOWNSHIP c. STATE d. VOTER REGISTRATION NO. (if known) _____ (A) _____	
3. VOTING RESIDENCE (For military, legal residence. For overseas civilians, last residence in U.S. IF USING RURAL ROUTE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS.) a. LAST DATE OF RESIDENCY _____ M M D D Y Y b. NUMBER AND STREET (Do not use Post Office Box) _____ (B) c. CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE _____ d. STATE _____ (E) e. COUNTY OR PARISH _____ f. ZIP CODE (9 -digit, if known) _____ — — — — —	
4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO: (Mailing address where you want the ballot to be sent.) _____ (C) _____ _____ _____	
5. YOUR FAX NUMBER (If this application is faxed, include all international prefixes. See instructions.) _____	
6. POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION (This information is required by most states to send you a ballot for primary elections. See Instructions.) _____	
7. REMARKS (Provide additional information which will assist local election officials in determining your eligibility to register and vote. See Instructions.) _____ (D)	
8. AFFIRMATION BY APPLICANT X only one: a, b, c or d I swear/affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am: (See Instructions) a. a member of the Uniformed Services or merchant marine on active duty, or an eligible spouse or dependent. b. a U.S. citizen temporarily residing outside the U.S. c. a U.S. citizen overseas by virtue of employment or accompanying spouse or dependent. d. other U.S. citizen residing outside the U.S. e. I am a U.S. citizen, eligible to vote in the above jurisdiction, and subscribed to any required state/local oath or statement. f. I have not been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or if so, my voting rights have been reinstated. g. I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the U.S. h. The information on this form is true and complete. i. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ (F) j. DATE _____ M M D D Y Y X	
9. WITNESS/NOTARY ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE (If required by state law) _____ (G) DATE SIGNED _____ M M D D Y Y	

The information contained herein is for official use only. Any unauthorized release of this information may be punishable by law.

Application Instructions

Circled letters on the form above correspond to the instructions below. You must complete all shaded areas.

A. Do not leave blank. Enter "N/A" if not applicable or if you are a first time voter.

B. Provide the complete address of your American Samoa voting residence. This address must be different from the one provided in item 4 and must be within American Samoa.

C. Print the complete address where you want your ballot sent — usually your current mailing address. Your current mailing address must be different from the address you provided in item 3.

D. If you use this form to register, you must write here:

(1) your age,

(2) your place of current employment and

(3) a statement that the residence listed in item 3 was acquired with the intent to make American Samoa your legal residence.

E. Check ONE box.

F. You must sign and date the FPCA. If using the FPCA to register, it must be signed by a notary public, commissioned officer, consular officer or other authorized person.

G. If you are not yet registered, a notary public, commissioned officer, consular officer, or other authorized person must complete this section.

I. UNIFORMED SERVICES

A. Who Can Do It

These procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of American Samoa and members of the Uniformed Services and their family members. Uniformed Services are defined as the U.S. Armed Forces, merchant marine, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. (Consult Section B below for ballot type eligibility).

B. Registering and Requesting an Absentee Ballot

The American Samoa requirement to submit a separate FPCA for each election has been superseded by recently passed Federal legislation (Public Law 107-107) that provides for the submission of a single FPCA for all elections in the calendar year.

You must register in person to vote a ballot for local offices.

You may register absentee to vote a ballot for Federal offices only.

If you are an unregistered citizen, the chief election officer must receive your FPCA not later than 4:30 p.m., 30 days before the election.

If you are a registered citizen, the chief election officer must receive your FPCA between 75 and 15 days before the election.

C. Casting Your Vote

Ballot Return Deadline: Return your voted ballot so that it arrives at the Election Office by the close of polls on election day.

Local election officials mail ballots as soon as official ballots are printed and available, and if your request for absentee ballot was sent no later than 15 days before the election.

Due to its territorial status, American Samoa does not send representatives to the U.S. Senate or directly participate in the election of the President and Vice President of the U.S. At the Federal level, only a Delegate to the House of Representatives is elected.

If you are outside the U.S. and have not received your state ballot in a timely manner, use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot. See instruction in Chapter 2, page 12.

D. Notary/Witness Requirements

FPCA: Must be sworn to by a notary public, commissioned officer, consular officer or other authorized person.

Ballot Return Envelope: No notary or witness required.

E. Electronic Transmission of FPCAs and Ballots

- American Samoa allows you to send the FPCA for registration and absentee ballot by fax. After faxing, submit the FPCA by mail.
- American Samoa does not allow you to receive the blank ballot by fax.
- American Samoa does not allow you to return the voted ballot by fax.

Please refer to Appendix C for specific instructions when transmitting election materials electronically. Use only the following numbers:

DSN 223-5527
(703) 693-5527
1-800-368-8683

Instructions continue in Section III: Uniformed Services & Civilians Outside U.S.

II. CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Who Can Do It

The following procedures apply to persons who are U.S. citizens, residents of American Samoa and overseas citizens. The term “overseas citizen(s)” means a U.S. citizen who resides outside the U.S. and (but for such residence) would be qualified to vote in American Samoa.

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III. UNIFORMED SERVICES & CIVILIANS OUTSIDE U.S.

A. Bars to Registration and Voting

Persons under guardianship, found incompetent, or convicted of a felony may not register or vote. Felons may vote if restored to civil rights or on good behavior for two years from the date of conviction or release from prison, whichever is later.

B. Cancellation of Registration

Registration is canceled for failure to vote in two consecutive elections.

C. Action on Registration Request

No notice of registration is sent.

D. Action If Registration Is Denied

Persons denied registration may appeal to the board of registration. Consult a legal assistance officer or civilian counsel.

E. Where To Send It

Mail the FPCA to:

Chief Election Officer
American Samoa Government
P.O. Box 3970
Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799

*One Grain of Rice Can Tip the Scale,
One Vote Can Win an Election - Vote*

by LTC David LeBlanc, US Army Reserve, Newnan, Georgia

